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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Helmut Brehm
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Examiner: Asinovsky, O.
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For: **A POLYMER COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME**

Assistant Director for Patents
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following remarks and amendments of the claims. If any additional fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2190.

In the Claims:

Amended Claims in Clean Form

1. (Twice Amended) A powdered, crosslinked polymer composition for absorbing aqueous or serous fluids, as well as blood, comprising:
- B1
- a) 55 - 99.9 wt.-% of at least one polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, polymerizable monomer which contains acid groups neutralized to at least 25 mole-%;
 - b) 0 - 40 wt.-% of polymerized, unsaturated monomers copolymerizable with a);
 - c) 0.01 - 5.0 wt.-% of one or more crosslinking agents;